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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Fort Wayne-South Bend on its 150th Anniversary.

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Whereas, in 1857, by the decree of His Holiness Pope Pius IX, the northern half of the state of Indiana was erected into the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne. The boundaries of this Diocese extended to the southern lines of Fountain, Montgomery, Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Randolph and Warren Counties;

Whereas, in 1944, the Apostolic Decree of His Holiness Pope Pius XII established the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette from the southern counties of the Fort Wayne Diocese;

Whereas, in 1957, another division occurred as the Diocese celebrated its 100th anniversary, and four northwestern counties were taken from the Diocese to form the new Diocese of Gary;

Whereas, in 1960, the Diocese of Fort Wayne was renamed the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, now comprising 14 counties of northeastern Indiana with a Catholic population of nearly 160,000. Through each of these divisions, the Dioceses have remained unified in faith;

Whereas, in 2007 the Catholic Diocese of Fort



Wayne-South Bend celebrates its Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year. Bishop John M. D'Arcy calls on the entire diocese to assemble at the University of Notre Dame on August 18, 2007, for a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to commemorate the anniversary;

Whereas, Bishop D'Arcy will also urge members of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to observe the Jubilee Cross, which has traveled across the diocese from parish to parish for two years, reminding the Diocese of the Steadfast Love of Jesus Christ;

Whereas, during Lent, the Diocese initiated a "You Can Always Come Home" media campaign inviting inactive or under-active Catholics to "come home" to the Catholic Church, a toll-free telephone line for questions about the Catholic faith, a parish evangelization process called "Wells of Hope" and the Sacrament of Penance (confession) in all parishes throughout the Diocese on "Mercy Day," March 20;

Whereas, on December 8, 2007, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the diocese and every parish, institution and holy place will be consecrated to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains faithful to the Lord through changing times. The Diocese is a pillar of northwestern Indiana and its 150th anniversary is worthy of recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the
- 2 Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on its 150th Anniversary.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

